THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A cost-cum-feasibility survey for electrification of Kharagpur-Visakhapatnam section has been sanctioned to assess the financial viability of the proposal. The survey work is expected to be completed by September 1993. Final decision in regard to electrification of this section will, however, depend upon the results of the survey as well as availability of resources.

Inadequate terminal facilities for train in Guwahati

1243. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terminal facilities for broad-gauge trains in Guwahati are inadequate;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to construct more terminal facilities there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The existing terminal facilities are adequate for the present level of traffic.

(b) and (c) Under the unigauge project one more platform and one pit line are proposed to be constructed.

Extension of Guwahati-Trivandrum Express and Delhi-Trivandrum Express upto Kanyakumari

1244. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend the Guwahati-Trivandrum Express and Delhi-Trivandrum Express upto Kanyakumari which is a very big tourist spot in India; in order to boost the tourism industry in our country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of traffic justification.

Granting pension to widows of Deceased Employees by the Railways

1245. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of cases of pension granted to widows of deceased employees during 1990 and 1991 with particulars of each case and the amount of pension sanctioned;

(b) whether there are complaint made by widows for delayed sanction of pensions to Railway Minister and Railway Administration during the above period and in some cases, the delay was due to forgery by some clerks/Junior clerks and if so, the action taken in this regard with details of such cases; and

(c) what are the total number of delayed cases of pension to widows due to forgery with the dates of sanction of pension to each widow ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.